



Aruba's Blood Bank honors their "100 + Club"

With the advent of World Blood Donors Day on Wednesday, June 14, the Blood Bank of Aruba took the opportunity to not only remind the community of the importance of donating blood, but also to honor those the regularly do so.

Seven men were eligible for the "100 + Club" having over the years donated blood more than one hundred times, and so literally giving of their lifeblood to the Aruban community. Vivian Lampe, Director, and the other workers of the Blood Bank showed their gratitude by awarding certificates, and pins to these selfless men, plus dinners for two donated by seven fine local restaurants.

Receiving certificates in descending order of their donations were Paul van Niel, with 137 donations, Mario Rasmijn 123, Harold Perriera 119, Henricus Moons 117, Jamil M. Colina 116, Juan E. Croes 105, and Mario Bislip with 102. The men were feted with a small party, a large cake, and congratulations from Yuby Toppenberg of the Kiwanis of Palm Beach, which donated to the blood bank, and Robert Croes, II who announced a campaign entailing the cooperation of Antraco and Aruba's Blood Bank.

Antraco office and computer supply is offering a ten percent discount and one hour of free internet access for all those that donate blood over the coming months. He declared it an expression of gratitude for all the fine work to the staff of the Blood Bank, and to those that give the "Gift of Life," by donating.

The Blood Bank is located in the Horacio Oduber Hospital, and Vivian Lampe stated that the one time there was a serious multi-car accident in Aruba ten years ago was the first time the blood bank had to put out a call for donors, which the community answered in droves. She is grateful to all the donors that give selflessly to the blood bank, but reminds islanders that there is always a need to keep a proper stock on hand. She looks forward to awarding many more certificates next year, to those that will become members the "100+ club."